

Amendments to Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 11, line 4 as follows:

Locking pin 16 includes head 18 being of larger dimension than ~~that~~ shaft 20 of locking pin 16. In the locked position, head 18 engages clip 22. The engagement between head 18 and clip 22, together with guide pin 24, hold locking pin 16 in the configuration shown in Figure 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 12, line 11 as follows:

The second embodiment illustrated in Figure 4 is a bistable version of the fastener of the invention. In this Figure, fastener 60 once again ~~held~~ holds air bag bracket 12 in spaced relationship with steering wheel bracket 14. Locking pin 56 includes head 58 designed to engage with clip 62. In this embodiment, however, there is no guide pin. Instead locking pin 56, has, besides head 58, upper shaft 52, and lower shaft 54. Cavity 64 journaled into and through each of lower shaft 54 and upper shaft 52 and part way into head 58 allows for manual release of fastener 60. Insertion of a thin tool of sufficient length through aperture 66 along the length of cavity 64 and pressure on head 58 can cause head 58 to be popped clear of clip 62, allowing clip 62 to fold in as in the embodiment in Figures 1 and 2.

Remarks

The Applicant has now amended the specification and claims pursuant to the Examiner's objections. Since prosecution on the merits is closed with respect to this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner move this application towards a speedy allowance.